

LUTHERAN RESEARCH AND INFORMATION CENTER (LRIC)
SEMINAR: OCTOBER 15, 1981 TO OCTOBER 17, 1981
VACCINATING AGAINST THE CULTS

THURSDAY October 15, 7:00 p.m.

REV. LOCHHAAS sets the theme of the seminar with a presentation entitled, "Vaccinating Against the Cults." He will discuss the marks of the cults, recruitment techniques of the cults, and the types of people the cults target for recruitment.

MR. GOEDELMAN will follow with tips on "WITNESSING TO THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES." He will approach his subject from various angles, including the history of the Jehovah's Witnesses, their theology, and their prophecies that have not come to pass. Throughout the presentation, he will emphasize proper Christian techniques in witnessing to cults.

FRIDAY October 16, 7:30 p.m.

MR. VALENTINE begins the evening with a look at "CULT MIND CONTROL AND THEIR VIEW OF THE 'OUTSIDE WORLD'." Mr. Valentine will focus on the methods employed by the cults to maintain control over their recruits. Part of the presentation will highlight cultic thought concerning the "outside world."

MR. VALENTINE continues the evening's presentations with "CULTS IN BUSINESS AND POLITICS," exploring the various ways the cults get involved in the business world and how they often get political clout.

SATURDAY October 17, 9:30 a.m.

The day begins with "MEET THE SPEAKERS," a time to enjoy coffee and donuts while chatting with the speakers.

A PANEL DISCUSSION, NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CULTS: WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON. Here, Mr. Goedelman (for the Jehovah's Witnesses), Rev. Morton (for The Way International), and Rev. Walters (for the Mormons) and Mr. Valentine (for general cults) will discuss both among themselves and the audience the direction the cults seem to be going. The presentation will devote a large amount of time to questions from the audience.

MR. VALENTINE will then present a new topic, never before given by him, entitled, "THINGS WE SHOULD NOT LEARN FROM THE CULTS!" He does this in answer to the many people who say there is so much to learn from the cults.

The afternoon begins with a number of presentations scheduled during two hours. During the first hour (1:30 - 2:30), the following topics will run simultaneously:

HARE KRISHNA FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE (by Mr. Valentine) will explore the Hare Krishna history, theology, and ways to witness to the Hare Krishnas.

MORMON MISSIONARY STRATEGY (by Rev. Walters) will discuss the methods employed by the Mormon missionaries as they canvass neighborhoods door to door.

THEOLOGY OF THE WAY INTERNATIONAL (by Rev. Morton) will take a look at the history, theology, and scholarship of this fast growing cult.

During the second hour (2:30 - 3:30), the following topics will run simultaneously:

THE OCCULTIC INFLUENCES IN SOME CULTS (by Mr. Valentine) delves into the cults that have a link with the occult either in their theology or in their practices.

THE USE OF THE BIBLE IN THE BOOK OF MORMON (by Rev. Walters) will take a look at the numerous times the King James Version is used in the Book of Mormon. Having just finished a thesis on this subject, Rev. Walters should be able to give us much insight in this specialized field of study.

RECRUITING TECHNIQUES IN THE WAY INTERNATIONAL (by Rev. Morton) will examine The Way's elaborate system of obtaining converts. Rev. Morton will tie their recruiting techniques in with their theology and general practices.

MR. VALENTINE will close the seminar with a look at "ESCHATOLOGY AND HOW CULTS USE THE LAST TIMES TO ATTRACT CONVERTS." He will discuss a variety of cults and show how the last times plays an extremely important role in their recruitment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: CONTACT MARK WHITTAKER (DIRECTOR OF LRIC) AT (314) 968-5364 AFTER 7:00 P.M. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, BUT WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE CULTS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US AT CONCORDIA SEMINARY 801 DE MUN AVENUE, CLAYTON, MO 63105. WE ASK THAT YOU KEEP THE SEMINAR IN YOUR PRAYERS.

THURSDAY NIGHT (October 15, 1981- Pritzlaff Hall)

7:00 - 8:00*	Lochhaas	Vaccinating against the Cults
8:15 - 8:15*	Goedelman	Witnessing to the Jehovah's Witnesses

FRIDAY NIGHT (October 16, 1981 - Pritzlaff Hall)

7:30 - 8:30	Valentine	Cult Mind Control and Their View of the "Outside World"
8:45 - 9:45	Valentine	Cults in Business and Politics.

SATURDAY (October 17, 1981)

MORNING SESSION (Sieck Hall)

9:30 - 10:00	Speakers	"Meet the Speakers" (Coffee and Donuts)
10:00 - 11:15	PANEL DISCUSSION: New Developments in the Cults: What's on the Horizon?	
	Valentine: General Cults:	
	Goedelman: Jehovah Witnesses (tentative)	
	Morton: The Way International	
	Walters: Mormonism - LDS	
11:30 - 12:30	Valentine	"Things we should not learn from the Cults"

LUNCH BREAK (12:30 - 1:30)

Afternoon Sessions (Sieck Hall) -- At each time block, three presentations will
run simultaneously (in small classrooms of Sieck
Hall)

<u>Time*</u>	<u>PRESENTATION I</u> (Valentine)	<u>PRESENTATION II</u> (Walters)	<u>PRESENTATION III</u> (Morton)
1:30 to 2:30	Hare Krishna from a Christian Perspective.	Mormon Missionary Strategy.	Theology of the Way International
2:30 to 3:30	Occultic practices in some cults	The Use of the Bible in the Book of Mormon.	Recruitment techniques in The Way International

FINAL PRESENTATION _ Sieck Hall, large room.

3:45 - 4:45*	Valentine	Eschatology and How Cults Use the Last Times to to Attract Converts.
4:45 - 5:00	LRIC	Closing Remarks.

*Each presentation with an asterisk is
45 minutes long, with a 15 minute
question and answer period following.